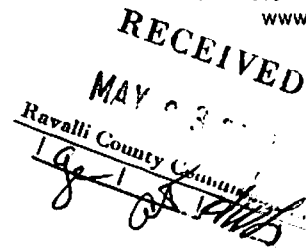




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Dear Middle East Fork Multiparty Monitoring Participant,

Enclosed please find background materials for the first meeting of the Middle East Fork Multiparty Monitoring Group. As a reminder, it is scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton.

Mary Mitsos and I will be facilitating the meeting. As background, the National Forest Foundation (NFF), chartered by Congress, engages America in community-based and *national* programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of the 193-million-acre National Forest System, and administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of the National Forests. The NFF is committed to facilitating local involvement and encouraging grassroots participation in forest stewardship.

I look forward to working with you on this multiparty monitoring effort. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 542-2805 X13.

Sincerely,

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## Multiparty Monitoring – An Overview

### Healthy Forest Restoration Act, Section 102 (g) (5)

- (A) IN GENERAL.—In an area where significant interest is expressed in multiparty monitoring, the Secretary shall establish a multiparty monitoring, evaluation, and accountability process in order to assess the positive or negative ecological and social effects of authorized hazardous fuel reduction projects and projects conducted pursuant to section 404.
- (B) DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS.—The Secretary shall include diverse stakeholders (including interested citizens and Indian tribes) in the process required under subparagraph (A).
- (C) FUNDING.—Funds to carry out this paragraph may be derived from operations funds for projects described in subparagraph (A).

### A good source of information on multiparty monitoring:

Multiparty Monitoring Handbook Series [www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/cfrp/monitoring/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/spf/cfrp/monitoring/index.shtml)

Multiparty monitoring requires people with varied backgrounds to work together to better understand and measure project efforts and impacts. Benefits of multiparty monitoring include:

- More likely to develop a comprehensive list of issues to be monitored and identify good questions to ask;
- Assess how well a project is meeting desired outcomes and responding to diverse concerns;
- Identify how management can be adapted to improve results;
- Increase understanding among diverse interests.

### Steps in multiparty monitoring:

1. Identify and engage stakeholders
2. Build a common understanding
  - Agree on definitions
3. Define project goals, indicators and measures
  - Implementation monitoring: was the project implemented according to plan?
  - Effectiveness or validation monitoring: did the project *directly cause* the changes measured?
4. Develop and implement the monitoring plan
  - What approach to monitoring will we take? (implementation, effectiveness, validation, or some combination)
  - What method will be used to measure each indicator?
  - When and how often will measurements be collected?
  - Who will collect these measurements?
  - How and when will data be analyzed?
  - Who will be involved in data analysis?
  - What kind of reporting and outreach will be used?
  - When will this take place?
5. Learn from monitoring and assess the process.

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- Byron Bonney
- Bob Cron
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- Tracy Hollingshead
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- Matthew Koehler
- Dyrk Krueger
- Tammy Leichty
- Howard Lyons
- Jim Miller
- Craig Thomas
- Kirk Thompson
- Mark Vosburgh
- Lowell Whitney

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